

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services-Treasuries & Accounts Department-Disciplinary Action against Sri N.V.Rama Rao, Senior Accountant (Retd), O/o the Deputy Director, District Treasury, Guntur-Penalty of Withholding 5% of his Pension Permanently-Final Orders-Issued.

FINANCE (ADMN-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 3816

Dated: 25-08-2010

Read the following:

- 1.Lr.No.K(I)4/7378/02, dt.15.09.04 of the DTA, AP, Hyd.
- 2.G.O.Rt.No.3313 Finance (Admn-I) Dept., dt.10.12.2004.
- 3.Written statement of defence of N.V.Rama Rao, Senior Accountant (Retd), Dt.09.02.2005 on the Charge Memo.
- 4.G.O.Rt.No.2384, dtd.6-05-2008 of Fin (Admn-III) Department.
- 5.Letter.No.600/COI-CK/A4/2008, dtd.12-06-2008 of GA (COI) Dept.
- 6.Govt.Memo.No.24039/691/A1/Admn-III/2004, dt.28.11.08 Finance (Admn-III) Department.
- 7.Representation of the individual dt.10.1.2009
- 8.Finaal Show Cause Notice dated.19.10.2009
- 9.Representaiton of the individual to the Final Show Cause Notice dated.17.11.2009.
- 10.Lr.No.857/RT-I/1/2010, dt.21.7.2010 of the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

ORDER:

Whereas charge have been framed against Sri N.V.Rama Rao, Senior Accountant (Retd), along with (2) others, on the allegations that names of 17 pensioners have been included in the Pay Bank Lists without verifying and recording the Payment in Disburser's Halves, although the Disburser's Halves of the said pensioners were not traceable in the Sub Treasury, Guntur.

2. Whereas in the reference 3rd read above, the individual submitted his written explanation, wherein he stated that i) he worked as Senior Accountant in Sub-Treasury Office, Guntur upto 8.4.2001 and went on medical leave from 9.4.2001 to 29.3.2002 and retired on Voluntary Retirement on the FN of 31.3.2002, ii) that all the Disburse Halves of P.P.Os. are maintained under the custody of the Sub-Treasury Officer, as per rule 5.2. of G.O.Ms.No.213, Fin & Plg. (FW.PSC.I) Dept., dt.19.12.1997 read with para 23.12.2. of A.P. T & A Functionary Manual while processing pension payments through Banks, iii) necessary entries were already made in the Disburse Halves under the supervision of the then Asst. Treasury Officer, iv) He also stated that the A.T.O., Sub Treasury, Guntur while communicating the note submitted by one Junior Accountant who was kept incharge of his seat, informed that out of the check list (i.e. March, 2001) 23 Disburse Halves were not traced in the steel almirah. Hence he was summoned to offer his remarks. Accordingly, he rushed to the office and made verification in the presence of A.T.O. and found all the untraceable aforesaid 23 Disburse Halves in the steel almirah basing on which the A.T.O., Sub Treasury, Guntur has recommended to sanction leave duly enclosing the charge list. V) He also stated that no pending recoveries as alleged against him. He further stated that he has not violated Government orders and not exhibited lack of devotion to duty and requested that the charge framed against him may be dropped.

3. Not satisfied with the Written Statement of Defence, the Government entrusted the matter to COI vide G.O. 4th read above, for regular enquiry under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules. The Member, Commissionerate of Enquiry submitted his report vide reference 5th read above, in respect of Sri N.V.Rama Rao, Senior Accountant (Retd). The Inquiring Authority came to the conclusion that the charge against him stands proved.

4. In the reference 6th read above the Charged Officer was supplied with E.O's report and was given an opportunity under Rule 21 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 for further representation on the Enquiry Report.

5. In the reference 7th read above, the individual submitted his explanation on the Enquiry Report, wherein he stated that he is one of the Accountants who dealt with the pension subject. He was incharge of the family pension seat A3 from 7/99 to 8.4.2001 the date on which he went on medical leave upto 29.3.2002 and retired on Voluntary basis on 31.3.2002. The family pension seat consisted of family pension of AG, Central Pension, Railway Pension and other miscellaneous pensions such as Zamindar and L.P. Pensions. On transfer from service pensions seat, he was kept incharge for Family Pension seat at STO, Guntur. He handled the Family Pensions seat with the help of office staff whoever available at that time. Sri L.Anjaneyulu, S.A., of his office and his predecessor of this seat has given him assistance wherever necessary. He verified the Pay Bank list for the month of 6/99 with reference to disburse halves and found that all the D.H.'s are available except one Zamindar Pensioners D.Hs. Later it was traced in the Service Pension seat. Further he stated that the check list will be prepared for every month based on previous month by adding new pensions and deleting transfer pensions and expired pensioners if any with reference to D.Hs and then only the STO/ATO can signed on the checklist. The same checklist was processed to Banks as Pay Bank list duly signed by the STO/ATO concerned. He has stated that out of 17 PPOs which are not traceable at STO, Guntur as per inquiry report of the Government at page 5, 6 (six) PPOs relates, to family pension seat. All the 6 pensioners D.H.'s are available with the Sub Treasury Officer, Guntur as per STO, remarks vide his letter dt.10.2.2005. As regards the payment of pensioners in respect of Shawar Begum 1078/F/Central, SK.Bhimabi 10-S-000109/FP, K.Narayanamma, 18-F-000457, they were sent to Banks without deleting the pensioners names in the list of payments due to over sight and over burden of work. However all the amounts from 5/2000 to 12/2001 in respect of Shawar Begum, from 4/2000 to 12/2001 in respect of Sri K.Bhimadi and from 7/200 to 12/2001 in respect of K.Narayanamma were taken back and remitted to pension account. The mistake committed by him may please be excused. Further he also stated that out of 17 PPOs 9 PPOs are concerned to Family Pension seat (A3) as stated above, which were traced in the office. For the remaining (8) PPOs, the other Accountants Sri L.Anjaneyulu Service Pension seat, Sri K.Ramachandra Rao, Teacher Pension seat and Sri Y.Nageswara Rao, LF. Pensions seat are responsible and he further stated that as there is no fraud and misappropriation that took place in his seat and requested to drop the charge framed against him on humanitarian grounds as he is an aged pensioner.

6. After careful examination of the material, Charge Memo, Written Statement of Defence, Enquiry Report, Representation of the Charged Officer on Enquiry Report, Government have come to a provisional conclusion to impose the punishment of withholding 5% cut on pension permanently against Sri N.V.Rama Rao, Senior Accountant (Retd) and accordingly final Show Cause notice was issued to the individual under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised pension Rules, 1980 vide reference 8th read above.

7. In the reference 9th read above, Sri N.V.Rama Rao submitted his representation in which he has not raised any new points/ or new grounds and he has only reiterated his earlier explanation.

8. In the reference 10th read above, the APPSC has given concurrence for the proposed punishment of withholding 5% of his pension permanently against Sri N.V.Rama Rao, Senior Accountant (Retd).

9. After careful examination of the material, Charge Memo., Written Statement of Defence, Enquiry Report, Representation of the Charged Officer on Enquiry Report and his representation on the final show cause notice, it is found that they were case workers and responsible for preparation of Pay Bank List, for necessary cross verification of the Pay Bank List with Disburses' Halves of the PPOs. They should have identified the dislocation of PPOs at least once in a month. Thus they have to be held responsible for continuing the names of pensioners in the Pay Bank List. Out of 17 PPOs, only 3 PPOs were stated to have been pertaining to the seat dealt by Sri L.Anjaneyulu and 6 pertains to the C.O. Sri N.V.Rama Rao the CO who admitted his lapse in this matter and stated that it was due to oversight and over burden of work.

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10. After careful examination of the matter, in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 9 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, Government hereby order the punishment of withholding 5% of his Pension permanently on Sri N.V.Rama Rao, Senior Accountant (Retd), for the lapses mentioned in the Charge Memo. 1st read above.

11. The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly and serve this order to the individual and send the duplicate copy with his acknowledgement to the Government, at the earliest.

12. The G.O. is available on Internet and can be accessed at the address <http://www.goir.ap.gov.in>

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)
L.V.SUBRAHMANYAM
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FP)

To

The Sri N.V.Rama Rao, Senior Accountant (Retd),
O/o Deputy Director, District Treasury, Guntur
(Through DTA, Hyderabad)

Copy to: The DTA, AP, Hyderabad.

The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Secretary, APPSC, Hyderabad.

The A.P. Vigilance Commission, Secretariat, Hyderabad

//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER